Revd. and Dear Brethren,

FREDERICTON, July 28th, 1876.

After due consultation with the Bishops of Nova Scotia and Quebec, I have had the enclosed forms printed for your further consideration and advice, which I shall be obliged to you to return to me with any remarks you may be pleased to make thereon, written on the page or pages printed "remarks." After consideration, when we meet at the next Provincial Synod, we can read the whole, and submit a joint report.

I remain,

Revd. and Dear Brethren,

Yours very faithfully,

JOHN FREDERICTON, *Chairman.*

To the Committee appointed by the Provincial Synod to prepare forms for the consecration of Churches, Burial Grounds, &c

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Consecration of a Church or Chapel.

The Bishop is received at the door of the Church by the Clergy (wearing surplices), Church Wardens, and others. The following petition, signed by the donor of the site, the Rector, Church Wardens and others, is read and presented to the Bishop, praying for the consecration of the Church:

Rector, Church Warden or Deputy,

MY LORD,—I humbly desire in my own name, and in the name of the rest of the Parishioners of this Parish, that your Lordship would be pleased to proceed to consecrate this new Church (or Chapel) and Burying Ground according to the rites and discipline of the Church of England. [This petition may be enlarged if thought necessary.]

The Bishop, accepting the Petition, will answer and consent, saying,

SIR—If this be your desire, and the desire of the Parishioners, in the name of God let us begin.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name; and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then the Bishop and Clergy, preceded by the Church Wardens, entering the Church or Chapel by the west door, and proceeding up the middle thereof towards the east end, shall say or sing the 24th Psalm.

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in His holy place.

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him: even of them that seek thy face O Jacob.

Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory? Even the Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

When the Bishop is seated, he is to have the instrument or instruments of donation and endowment presented to him by the Founder, *or some proper substitute, which he will lay on the Holy Table, and then standing at the North side thereof, and turning to the Congregation, he shall say to them as follows, or otherwise, at his discretion,

**If it be a Church or Chapel rebuilt, or if there be no new donation or endowments, this is to be omitted.*

DEARLY beloved in the Lord, Forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, or by express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and have separated them from all profane and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service; which pious works our heavenly Father hath vouchsafed to approve and accept; let us not doubt but he will also graciously approve this our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner to religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his blessing on this undertaking, and say,

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Then all kneeling down, the Bishop will say the Prayer following:

O ETERNAL GOD, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence in whatsoever place even two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy name to offer up their supplications and their praises to thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to consecrate this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to the honor of thy great Name, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, and dedicating it entirely to thy service, for reading therein thy most holy Word, for celebrating thy holy Sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy Name, and for all other holy Ordinances; accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may most tend to thy glory and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual, through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

After this, the Bishop shall say,

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by Baptism, may be sanctified with the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and made a living member of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful and elect children. AMEN.

GRANT, O Lord, that they who in this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may continue thine forever; and being preserved in the unity of thy Church, may daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to thine everlasting kingdom. AMEN.

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ thy Son, may come to that holy ordinance with a true penitent heart, lively faith, and perfect charity; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. AMEN.

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

GRANT, O Lord, that all such as have, through thy mercy, been preserved in the great danger of Child-birth, and shall come to this place, according to their bounden duty, to give Thee thanks for the same, may through thy help, both faithfully live and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

GRANT, O Lord, that all who enter into this place may behave themselves with great reverence, devotion, and humility, both of body and mind; and vouchsafe unto them what, in thine infinite wisdom and mercy, thou shalt see to be most expedient for them. And be pleased graciously to hear the prayers of thy servants in this place for all such as are afflicted in mind, body, or estate, granting them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. AMEN.

GRANT, O Lord, that by thy Holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. AMEN.

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

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With respect to the Epistles & Gospel, I would suggest that no alternative passage of Holy Scripture be allowed.

Then the Bishop, sitting in his Chair, one of the Clergy is to read publicly (having been directed so to do by the Bishop) the sentence of Consecration.

Then the Officiating Minister reads the Morning Service for the day.

PROPER PSALMS.—84, 122, 132.

PROPER LESSONS. { The First. 1st Kings, viii, v. 1 to 31, or 1st Chron., xxix. v. 1 to 26.
The Second. Hebr. x., v. 19 to 26.

Instead of the Collect for the Day, the Bishop says the following Prayer:

O MOST blessed Saviour, who by thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honor these and such like religious services, be pleased so to possess our souls by thy grace, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, may be devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost. ever one God, world without end. AMEN.

Then the Minister proceeds in the Service of the Day, to the end of the General Thanksgiving, after which the Bishop says the following Prayer:

BLESSED be thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put into the heart of thy *Servants* to erect this house to thy honor and worship. Bless, O Lord, *them, their family*, and their substance, and accept the work of *their* hands; remember *them* concerning this; wipe not out this kindness that *they have* shewed for the House of God, and the offices thereof; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use of it, to the glory of thy blessed name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then the Minister who officiates is to go on with the "Prayer of St. Chrysostom," and the "Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Then a Hymn is to be sung.

Then the Bishop proceeds to the Communion Service, and instead of the Collect for the day, is to be used the following Collect:

O MOST glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any thing belonging to us; yet we beseech Thee, in thy great goodness, graciously to accept of the dedication of this place to Thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking: Fill us, we beseech Thee, with an awful dread of thy Divine Majesty, and with a deep sense of our unworthiness; that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before Thee with clean thoughts, pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, we may always render a service acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then is to be read the Epistle, 1st Corinthians iii., v. 16 to the end, or Ephesians, ii. 13 to the end.

16. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy; which temple ye are.

18. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He taketh the wise in his own craftiness."

20. And again, "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain."

21. Therefore let no man glory in men: for all things are yours.

22. Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

23. And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

Here endeth the Epistle.

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The Gospel, St. John x., v. 11 to 17, or John ii. v. 13.

11. I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14. I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16. And other sheep I have, which are not of this Fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be One Fold and One Shepherd.

After which the Nicene Creed shall be said or sung.

The Sermon.

The Sermon being ended, and the offertory sentences read, and the alms reverently presented by the Bishop, any new Vessels for the Holy Communion shall be brought to the Bishop, who shall humbly present them on the Holy Table, and say the following Prayer:

MOST blessed Lord, accept, we beseech Thee, of the oblation we make unto Thee of these Vessels, which we humbly dedicate to thy Divine Service at thy Holy Table. And as we now give them up wholly to thy use in the ministration of the Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood, so we pray thee to receive them for thine own. Preserve them from being any way profaned; and being here set apart and consecrated by our office and ministry to thy service, let them always continue to be so employed, through Jesus Christ Our only Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

The Bishop shall then place on the Holy Table, as much bread and wine as he shall think sufficier after which shall be said the Prayer for the whole estate of Christ's Church militant here on earth and, the rest of the service for Holy Communion.

REMARKS.

Consecration of Church-Yards or Cemeteries.

1.—CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH-YARD, TOGETHER WITH A CHURCH.

Before or after Service in the Church, the Bishop, Clergy, and the people, shall walk round the portion of ground which is to be consecrated; and the Bishop standing in the place prepared for the performance of the Office, the Act or Sentence of Consecration shall be read by one of the Clergy, and signed by the Bishop.

After which the Bishop says the following Prayer:

O GOD, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that there is a difference between the spirit of a beast, that goeth downward to the earth, and the spirit of a man, which ascendeth up to God who gave it: and likewise by the example of thy holy servants in all ages, hast taught us to assign peculiar places, where the bodies of thy saints may rest in peace, and be preserved from all indignities, whilst their souls are safely kept in the hands of their faithful Redeemer: accept, we beseech Thee, this charitable work of ours in separating this portion of ground to that good purpose; and give us grace, by the frequent instances of mortality which we behold, seriously to consider how frail and uncertain our own condition is, and so to number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom. That in the midst of life thinking upon death, and daily preparing ourselves for the judgment that is to follow, we may have our part in the resurrection to eternal life, with Him who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, and now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. AMEN.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who by thy death hast overcome death, and by thy rising to life again hast restored to us everlasting life; grant to all thy servants, who shall here be buried, that their b[illegible]s may rest in peace, and that through the grave and gate of death, they may pass to a joyful resurrection, through Thy merits, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. AMEN.

O ETERNAL God, who didst breathe into man's nostrils the breath of life, and by thy quickening spirit, hast sanctified the bodies of the faithful, to make them the temples of the Holy Ghost: Grant we beseech thee, that their dust may be precious in thy sight. Breathe upon their bones that they may live. And in the morning of the resurrection, may they be satisfied when they awake with thy likeness. AMEN.

A Hymn may be here sung, and an Address given.

Benediction.

2.—CONSECRATION OF A CHURCH-YARD—SINGLY.

The Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, in due order, shall walk round the portion of ground which is to be Consecrated, saying or singing Psalms xxiii. and xxxix. or Psalms xc. or either of them. Returning to the Church Porch or other convenient spot, the Bishop shall say,

THE Glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work.

Then shall the Bishop, or some Clergyman appointed by him, read one of the following lessons: Genesis xxiii. or St. John v. 21 to 30, or 1st Thessalonians iv. 13 to the end.

Then some Clergyman appointed by the Bishop, shall read the sentence of Consecration.

Then the Bishop shall say the Prayers before directed to be used in a Church-Yard consecrated together with a Church.

After which a Hymn may be sung, and the Benediction shall be given.

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FORM FOR LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE

OF A

Church or Chapel.

All things being ready the Priest, or Bishop (if present) shall say,

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.
Except the Lord build the house their labour is in vain that build it.

Priest. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.
Priest. O Lord hear our Prayer.
Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.
Priest. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Answer. From this time forth for evermore.
All. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work..
Our Father, &c.

Priest or Bishop.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God who didst lay in Zion a precious Corner-Stone, not made with hands, bless this stone which we are about to lay for the foundation of this house, and grant that they who shall faithfully offer to Thee of their substance for the furtherance of this pious work, may be preserved in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Then all things being ready for placing the stone, the Priest or Bishop shall say,

In the faith of Jesus Christ, we lay this foundation stone.
All. In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Priest or Bishop.

HERE let true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love, ever remain: this place is dedicated to prayer, and to the praise of our most holy Saviour Jesus Christ, who ever liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.
Prevent us, O Lord, &c.

Let us Pray.

O GOD, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, sanctify and build up these walls to thy honor and glory. Let the light of thy holy presence ever shine upon them. And may thy Church, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, fitly framed together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, grow unto an Holy Temple in the Lord. AMEN.

O LORD, who wisely orderest all things, both in heaven and earth; to thy merciful protection we commend the workmen employed in this building. Let thy fatherly hand ever be over them; keep them from all evil accident, hurt, or hinderance, and from all unfaithful, profane, or unholy words or deeds; that the work now begun, may by thy blessing on their labour, be brought to a happy end; through Jesus Christ onr Lord. AMEN.

ADDRESS.

HYMN.

Benediction.

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Would not this Rubric be more explicit if it read thus - "The Collect for St. Simon & St. Jude's Day, and also that for All Saints' day are to be used as the Collect in the Communion Service."

The words "before the Gospel" are scarcely appropriate.

A Service for the Induction of Ministers to their Cures.

PROPER PSALMS,— 122, 132, 133.
1st LESSON.— Ezekiel 33 to end of verse 9.
2nd LESSON.— St. Luke 10 to end of verse 16.
EPISTLE FOR THE DAY. — 1st Thessalonians, 2nd Chapter, to end of verse 13.
GOSPEL FOR THE DAY.— John 10, to verse 19.
COLLECT FOR THE DAY.—O Eternal God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy Divine Providence hast ordained divers orders in thy Church, give thy grace, we beseech thee, to this thy servant, to whom the charge of this Parish is committed, and so replenish him with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before thee to the glory of thy great name and the benefit of thy Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect in the Communion Service before the Gospel, is to be the Collect for St. Simon's and St. Jude's Day, and also that for All Saints' Day.

A Sermon may be preached by the Minister now instituted, or by some other Clergyman.

After the Lord's Supper is celebrated, immediately before the Benediction, the instituted Minister shall, kneeling at the Altar, say as follows:

O MOST glorious Lord God, I acknowledge that I am unworthy that I should serve under thy roof: yet be graciously pleased to accept the dedication of myself to thy service in this Parish, and to prosper all my undertakings. Fill me with an awful dread of thy Divine Majesty, and with a deep sense of my unworthiness: that approaching thy Sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, with clean thoughts and a pure heart, I may always perform a service acceptable to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ENABLE me, O Lord, both by my life and doctrine to set forth thy holy word, and rightly and duly to administer thy Holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace: and especially to those who are here placed under my Ministry, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy Holy Word, and that they, and all who profess and call themselves Christians, may hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life, and may be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting. AMEN.

The Minister instituted, shall, if the Bishop be not present, pronounce the Benediction.

After induction, the Minister instituted is, on some following Sunday, as soon as may be, to read the Thirty-Nine Articles publicly in the Church, and declare his unfeigned assent and consent to all that is contained in them, and in the Book of Common Prayer.

A Certificate of this having been done is to be sent to the Bishop.

REMARKS.

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